(a) whether the Station Master has not been posted at Dehare Railway Station on Daund-Manmad rail line of Central Railway;

(b) if so, the time by which the Station Master and other employees are likely to be posted there;

(c) whether tickets for all the stations are not available and no arrangements have been made for loading and unloading on this station; and

(d) if so, the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Dehare is a halt station. There is no provision of posting a Station Master at a halt station.

(c) and (d). Tickets for all stations on Daund-Manmad Section are available at the Dehare Halt Station. Loading unloading facilities have not been provided as provision of these facilities is not financially viable.

[*English*]

Pollution by Hindustan Company and High Tech Carbon Industries

1129. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aluminium Company and the High Tech Carbon Industries at Renukoot under Sonbhadra District of Uttar Pradesh have installed pollution control plant by December, 1991; and

(b) if not, the penalty imposed on them under the Pollution Control Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Hindustan Aluminium Company has initiated steps to instal pollution control equipment in its smelter shops/pot rooms in a time-bound programme. The other units of the plant are equipped with appropriate pollution control devices.

High Tech Carbon Industries have installed the required air and water pollution control systems.

(b) No penalty has been imposed on them since they have shown a clear proof of intent for compliance with the standards.

Decline in Reading Habit

1130. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in the reading habit in the country;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to arrest this trend and promote reading habit;

(c) whether the need to observe a 'Library Day' has been considered to focus on the importance of books; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir, as per statistics available in the National Library Calcutta and the Delhi Public Library, Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in response to part (a) above.